

Forest Land- Gadchiroli

Re-diversion of 2.658 ha. Reserved Forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road within RoW of existing road NH-353 C, in Aheri & Sironcha Tehsil of District Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department**
Government Order No.: FLD-36A25/CR.35/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032
Date:- 29.04.2025

Reference:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal / FCA-S1/PID-438648/2508, dt.06.02.2025.

Preamble:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for Re-diversion of 2.658 ha. Reserved Forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road within RoW of existing road NH-353 C, which is passing through Pranhita Wild life Sanctuary, Eco-Sensitive Zone & Tiger Corridor area route in Zamela Nala to Golakarji-Damaram, Yeragada to Comptt. No.JP336, Umanur S. to Madaram Ry., Kambalpeta Village in Aheri & Sironcha Tehsil of District Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

Order:-

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2023, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant '**In-principle**' approval to the Re-diversion of 2.658 ha. Forest Land under section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road within RoW of existing road NH-353 C, which is passing through Pranhita Wild life Sanctuary, Eco-Sensitive Zone & Tiger Corridor area route in Zamela Nala to Golakarji-Damaram, Yeragada to Comptt. No.JP336, Umanur S. to Madaram Ry., Kambalpeta Village in Aheri & Sironcha Tehsil of District Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

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The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Village Name	Comptt. No.	Survey No.	Length (m.)	Width (m.)	Area (sq.m.)	Area (ha.)	Legal Status
1	Nandigaon	KP179,	87, 101/1	3128.51	0.60	1877.108	0.188	RF
2	Guddigudam	PP180	12, 55	1006.08	0.60	603.648	0.06	PF
3	Timaram S	KP178	142	144.161	0.60	86.496	0.009	PF
4	Forest	KP178, KP175	-	2844.492	0.60	1706.695	0.171	RF
5	Forest	PP183	-	401.618	0.6	240.971	0.024	RF
6	Golakarji	PP183, PP186	4, 3, 51, 32	2503.063	0.60	1501.838	0.150	PF
7	Chalewada	PP 186, PP187, PP188, PP189, PP190,	-	6275.345	0.60	3765.207	0.377	RF
8	Tatigudam	KP146, KP145	89/1	786.103	0.60	471.662	0.047	PF
9	Repanpalli	KP 145	106, 107, 109	2001.956	0.60	1201.174	0.120	PF
10	Forest	JA091	-	3038.900	0.6	1823.34	0.183	RF
11	Forest	JA069	-	1352.500	0.6	811.500	0.081	RF
12	Gundera	JP261	8/1, 59, Nalla, 54/1	1271.262	0.60	762.757	0.076	PF
13	Forest	JA088,	-	3018.170	0.6	1810.902	0.181	RF
14	FDCM	JA058	-	2617.181	0.60	1570.309	0.157	RF
15	Damaram Rith & FDCM	JA057, JP253	3	1038.29	0.60	622.974	0.062	RF
16	Forest	JP260 Pt	-	1672.4	0.60	1003.44	0.100	RF
17	Forest	JA085	-	1633.300	0.60	979.980	0.098	RF
18	Forest	JP336	-	805.7	0.60	483.420	0.048	RF
19	Umanur S., FD & FDCM	JP331, JP332	48/1, 50	1569.374	0.60	941.624	0.094	PF
20	FDCM	JP330	-	1391.607	0.60	834.964	0.084	PF
21	Forest	SA045, SA046, SA047	-	5193.374	0.60	3116.024	0.312	RF
22	Kamalpetha Ry	SP006	-	600.000	0.60	360.000	0.036	RF
Total							2.658	

2. This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions:-

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) User Agency shall obtain Wildlife Clearance, prior to commencement of work.
- 3) User Agency shall obtain NOC from FDCM, prior to commencement of work.

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- 4) User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights of proposed land, at Compartment No. KP 178, KP 175, PP 183, PP 186, PP 187, PP 188, PP 189, PP 190, JA091, JA069, JA088, JA260pt, JA085, JP336, SA045, SA046, SA047 at Forest and Compartment No. JA088 & JP330, at FDCM, along with Stage-I compliance.
- 5) The concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests shall ensure legal status of proposed Forest land at Survey No.101/1 of Village Nandigaon and Survey No. 50 & 370 of Village Umanur S., prior to commencement of work.

6) Compensatory afforestation:

- a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 5.400 ha. degraded forest land at Compt. No.KP035, Survey No.173/1 in Village-Kamlapur, Beat-Kamlapur-1, Round-Kamlapur, Range-Kamlapur in Gadchiroli District at the cost of the User Agency;
- b) The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority;

7) Net Present Value:

- a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) five times of the normal NPV of the forest land measuring 0.288 ha. inside the Wildlife Sanctuary Protected area and normal NPV of the remaining forest land measuring 2.370 ha. outside the Protected Area to be re-diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's orders dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and as per Para 3.3 & 3.4 of Chapter-3 of the Consolidated Guidelines and Clarifications on Van (Sanrakshan Evar Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 issued by the Ministry;
- b) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the proposed forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- 8) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 meters depth & 0.6 meter width with cable line under the OFC pipeline.
- 9) If User Agency has not submitted bank guarantee or paid security deposit with concern road authority (NHAI/MSRDC/PWD/ZP), the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.
- 10) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An

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undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.

- 11) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- 12) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- 13) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- 14) The User Agency shall pay the cost of additional Net Present Value, if required in future.
- 15) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 16) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.
- 17) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
- 18) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.
- 19) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
- 20) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 21) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
- 22) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
- 23) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
- 24) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by User Agency.
- 25) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No. 202504291717498819. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhao)
Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy to:-

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.

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5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO (Maha-CAMPA), M.S., Nagpur
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
7. Collector, Gadchiroli.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Gadchiroli.
9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli.
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sironcha.
11. M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur.
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